

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-142 are pending in the present Application. Claims 98-112 and 115-142 have been withdrawn, leaving Claims 1-97, and 113-114 for consideration upon entry of the present Response. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-87 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a), as allegedly anticipated by Tajahuerce et al. ("Optoelectronic information encryption with phase-shifting interferometry"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.


Applicants submit herewith a Declaration Under MPEP 2132.01 and *In Re Katz*, 687 F.2<sup>nd</sup> 450 (1982). Therefore, the above-referenced article does not qualify as a 35 U.S.C. §102(a) reference and should be respectfully removed as a rejection in the present invention.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein should now be allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Response or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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